



## THOUSANDS WILL PROTEST ON APRIL 27 WHEN CLINTON COMES TO PHILADELPHIA

Declaring that their intention is to overturn the welfare legislation that was passed last year, a national network of organizations has announced that thousands of protesters will greet President Clinton, George Bush, and Colin Powell when they host the Summit on America's Future in Philadelphia on April 27.

The protest is the "first step in creating a mass movement to overturn both the welfare and immigration reform bill," says Pat Tucker of the National People's Campaign (NPC). She said that busloads of demonstrators would be coming to Philadelphia from New York, Boston, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Cleveland, and twenty other cities.

On behalf of the NPC, Tucker said, "The cruel and inhuman anti-welfare law will create a disaster for millions of people. We demand that President Clinton use his legal powers of executive authority to suspend the application of this vicious law and prevent a national disaster that will impoverish at least 2.6 million people, including 1.1 million children. In a rich country like the United States, it is unconscionable that 800,000 immigrants are about to lose their Supplemental Security Income, and that between 100,000 and 200,000 disabled children will also lose their SSI. It is criminal that corporate welfare continues unabated, that the biggest defense contractors will be provided \$280 billion to make weapons of mass destruction while 11 million families will lose income averaging \$1300 per family as a result of this law. These cuts have nothing to do with helping people to get jobs. Workfare is a fraud to help employers get cheap labor and give an excuse to throw mothers, children and helpless individuals off the welfare rolls."

## SUPPORT BUILDS FOR MCGREEVEY

Democratic gubernatorial Governor Jim McGreevey gained the endorsement of three counties, including one in the backyard of his opponent, Rob Andrews.

The Democratic Parties of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Ocean Counties threw their endorsement to the Woodbridge Mayor, giving him more than more than 60 percent of the state's Democrats. Ocean County was a surprise to many, but not to Al Santoro, the chairman of the Ocean County Libertarian Party, pointing out that his message on auto insurance and property taxes resonates favorably with a number of people.

"Many people may have assumed that Ocean County would support Rob Andrews because we are in the southern region of the state," he said. "Once Jim McGreevey exerted himself and people got to know him, the favorable response was overwhelming."

Andrews fell to second place after the past week of these endorsements.

## KING SIBLING AGREES RAY NOT INVOLVED IN THEIR FATHER'S SLAYING

ATLANTA (AP)—Martin Luther King III has joined his younger brother in claiming that James Earl Ray was a "patsy" who did not assassinate their famous father.

"I have always felt it was a conspiracy," the 39-year-old King said Tuesday. "Mr. Ray has just been used as a patsy."

In a person holding meeting with Ray last Thursday, Dexter King, 36, backed Ray's claims that he did not kill Martin Luther King Jr., and stated his family's support of Ray's innocence.

The older King brother, a motivational speaker in Atlanta, said his family reached its conclusion after seeing through accounts from people present when his father was slain and those who say they have unreported evidence.

However he said he wouldn't reveal specific information unless Ray is denied another trial.

The King family has called for a trial for Ray, who has liver disease, saying it is the only way they can know the truth about the assassination.

"Once we have exhausted that, there may be more we will do in which we as a family give our position on what in fact occurred," King said.

# Teer arrested in hit-and-run death

NEWARK—Police Director Joseph J. Santiago announced the arrest of a Toms River man charged with the hit-and-run death of 53-year-old Terrell James who was struck and killed shortly after 3 pm March 31 on a street near West Runyon Street. Police Director Santiago said Daniel Tonkovich, 18, of 1210 Coxero Road, was arrested at his home last week and charged with vehicular homicide, leaving the scene of an auto accident and reckless driving.

According to Director Santiago, Newark homicide detectives received information from witnesses who provided a description of the auto, a black 1994 Ford Mustang, and a possible identity of the driver. Police also developed information that the driver was known to frequent the Irvine Turner Boulevard area.

Newark homicide detectives contacted the Dover Township Police Department to request their assistance in locating the car at the Coxero Road address. The auto was found parked at Tonkovich's home by Dover Township officers who in turn informed Newark detectives that the auto had substantial front-end damage. Newark Police homicide detectives immediately responded to Toms River.

An detectives were processing the auto, Tonkovich arrived home and, upon observing the detectives, admitted his involvement in the fatal accident. Police also located and questioned two passengers who were with Tonkovich at the time of the incident. The two Toms River teenagers, an 18-year-old male and his 19-year-old sister were given subpoenas to appear before an Essex County grand jury.

Director Santiago attributed the swift arrest to the efforts of the Newark Homicide detectives, the assistance of the Dover Township and New Jersey Transit Police Departments and community information.

# Fame discovered in parking lot

by Sonya Kimble-Ellis

We've all watched those TV commercials where "real" people were talking about a particular product. You know the ones where the person answers a knock at the door and is greeted by someone holding a product, asking their opinion. Or they're sitting in their kitchen or living room, talking about how well the product works.

Many of us, who sit at home viewing these endorsements, have probably also questioned the authenticity of the people in those commercials. Well, Jacqueline Casey of Scotch Plains, and her daughter Lisa, found out the real deal, first hand.

"I was in the parking lot of the Sony Theater on Rt. 22 in Montclair," Jacqueline remembers, "and a young lady who said she was from a market research company asked if she could interview me." The woman asked Jacqueline's opinion about cleaning products, video taped her and took a few snapshots.

Jacqueline thought that would probably be the end of it, but it wasn't. A few days later, the company contacted her by phone and asked if she

had a daughter and if it was possible to videotape the two of them together as part of a market research video. Jacqueline's response to both questions was "yes."

The market research company, who turned out to actually be DDB Needham Worldwide. Advertising, liked what they saw. The next thing Jacqueline and Lisa knew, they were being paid \$500 each to tape a "screening" at a house in Montclair. You see, many of the houses used in these commercials are rented from the people who actually live there.

When the Caseys pulled up to the house, they realized that this was big time stuff. "There were trucks, cameras, crew and everything," says Jacqueline, who works at the Union County Division of Social Services. "They explained that they were doing a taping of us and a few other people who were there. At that point, we started getting a little nervous."

When the cameras finally rolled, both mother and daughter were asked their opinions about Clorox. When Jacqueline responded that the only thing she didn't like about the product was the smell, they put Fresh Scent Clorox Cleaner, a new scented bleach, in front of her and asked what she thought of it.

Obviously pros, Jacqueline and Lisa taped their segments just once. "It was a real experience," Jacqueline jokes. "I would never have dreamed that it would turn into what it did."

What it turned into was a letter saying they would appear in a Clorox commercial which now airs 15-25 times a week on network and cable television stations. In June, Jacqueline and

her daughter will renew their contract for another six months. "When I first saw the commercial," Jacqueline notes, "I thought it was strange to see myself on television. But I'm slowly getting used to it."

Who knows? Maybe now a lot more people will be hanging around in movie theater parking lots, waiting to be discovered.



Jacqueline and Lisa Casey

# New Jersey to get high-speed internet service

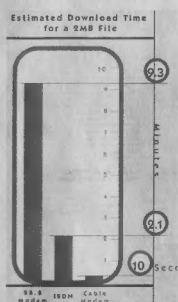
UNION—Comcast has launched Comcast@Home, a high-speed Internet service that will be available to customers in Central and Northern New Jersey. The new service will be provided in conjunction with @Home Network, a pioneering provider of high-speed interactive services via the wired telecommunications infrastructure, based in Mountain View, California.

The Central New Jersey area is among the first in the nation to receive high-speed Internet services via cable modems and Comcast@Home service. Comcast is offering its interactive service to residential customers in portions of Middlesex County where Comcast's fiber optic upgrade has been completed. The service will be expanded to parts of Union, Essex, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Bergen and Hudson Counties in upcoming months.

Through @HomeNetwork's high-speed national backbone, a cable modem, and the hybrid cable infrastructure, users will enjoy unparalleled connection and download speed. Comcast encourages its customers to stay connected 24 hours a day with instant access to multimedia entertainment, news, and information pertaining to the New Jersey area. Comcast@Home features local content, including business, entertainment and the arts. Comcast@Home does not require a telephone line, so many customers will also save money by not paying for an extra phone line in their home or paying for dial-up charges. The service does not interfere with cable television reception. Comcast@Home delivers 24-hour unlimited broadband Internet access and national and local content directly to a user's personal computer via a

coaxial cable connection, a cable modem and the industry leading Netscape browser. By eliminating time wasted waiting for downloading, Comcast@Home's high speed Internet service offers an enhanced, more efficient Internet experience. For example, a file that takes 9 minutes to download over a 28.8kbps modem connection would take 2 minutes on ISDN compared to 2 seconds on Comcast@Home at optimum speed.

"Computer users throughout Central and Northern New Jersey will find this service to be an exciting and valuable tool at home," said Joseph J. Fischer, Comcast's area vice president. "We are proud that Comcast technology is helping people explore new avenues of information and services," added Fischer.



# Municipal Judge incurs wrath of police association

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth chapter of the Policemen's Benevolent Association is calling for the removal of a municipal court judge who convicted a police officer of assault last October. A statement released from the organization says that Judge Daniel J. Russell "clearly expresses his doubts in believing the testimony of not only our Elizabeth police officers, but clearly all police officers."

The removal has been met with criticism from community activists who

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has called for more accountability among police and praised the conviction of Patrolman Andrew Lazarchick when the judge handed down his verdict concerning the July 1995 incident in which he physically assaulted 17-year-old Isidro Cruz of Roselle after an accident he was involved in.

The incident occurred after Lazarchick's police cruiser crashed enroute to a call. The officer, accused of causing the accident and assaulted him when he approached the cruiser. The officer issued two traffic tickets which were later dismissed, and he was charged with assault.

His conviction came despite pleas for leniency from Police Director Patrick Maloney. During the trial, Russell said he could believe Lazarchick's testimony. The PBA statement charged: "...on a few occasions, he ridiculed and blatantly called the testifying officer a liar." The union is asking the city to remove the judge and urging its members to request a change of venue when they are called as defendants in his courtroom, according to the City Attorney's office, however, only the state Supreme Court can remove a sitting judge. City officials have no authorization to remove a judge once he or she has been appointed. The City News has attempted to contact PBA President Tom Vetter and the Elizabeth PBA but received no response from either.

Community Activist Salaam Ismail was involved with this case and isn't surprised by the PBA, doubting the statement by Tom Vetter recently that the union is not looking for preferential treatment. "A lot of leaders demanded that he (Lazarchick) be brought to justice," he said. "This police officer went out of his way to assault this person and this commendable judge found him guilty."

"(The PBA) do not want to stand on the side of righteousness," he continued. "They want to take the side of the honorable blue."

DeLacy Davis, Regional President of the Black Police Officers' Association, is in agreement with Ismail. Also the founder of Black Ops Against Police Brutality, he has seen his share of attacks from fellow police officers because of his work to hold rogue police officers accountable. "This country is moving towards a police state, and people who allow justice to prevail are being attacked," he said. Lazarchick is also facing charges of brutality in two unrelated civil lawsuits which are pending, one by members of a Salvadoran family claiming they were beaten.

# Community Calendar

APRIL 9, 15, 23, MAY 6, 13

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16

**MONTECLAIR**—The Urban League is offering a free homebuyers course for people who want to purchase a home. Graduates will earn a certificate that will help them qualify for a mortgage. 5 weeks, 6:30 pm at Urban League of Essex County. For more information, call 201-624-9535.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

**EDISON**—JFK Medical Center Haven Hospice program will sponsor a Family Center Support Group. For more information, call 908-321-7769.

APRIL 9, 15, 23, MAY 6, 13

**EDISON**—JFK Medical Center is offering the "I Can Cope" educational series, a four week program for cancer patients, their families, and friends. For more information, call 908-321-7769.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**JERSEY CITY**—Course: "The Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment" at Jersey City State College. For more information, call 201-220-5157.

**CRANFORD**—Seminar on "Total Quality Management" at Union County College. For more information, call 908-709-7501.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—Plainfield Gassing and Turn-Vern's Annual Flea Market and Luncheon in Saenger Hall. For more information, call 908-356-0477.

**NEWARK**—Health Awareness Program at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. For more information, call 908-964-4556.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

**PLAINFIELD**—Alzheimer's Disease conference at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. For more information, call 908-668-2704.

TUESDAY APRIL 15

**PLAINFIELD**—Young People's Craft Program (Making Bookmarks) at the Public Library. For more information, call 908-757-1111.

**PLAINFIELD**—Family story time with Postal storyteller John Laine, author of the anti-drug "Red Ribbon Story"

THROUGH APRIL 16

The School of Education at William Paterson College, in cooperation with its Center for Continuing Education, is offering a course designed to improve the mentoring skills of K-12 teachers who wish to assist beginning educators. For more information, call 201-595-2436.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**NEW YORK**—18th Annual Scientific Meeting at the New York University Medical Center. For more information, call 908-235-5062.

**PLAINFIELD**—Young People's Film Program at the Public Library. For more information, call 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—Dinner Dance hosted by the Plainfield Gassing and Turn-Vern's Saenger Hall. For more information, call 908-276-8572.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

**HACKENSACK**—The NJ Million March Coalition will have a statewide meeting 4pm at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 260 Central Ave. For more information, call (201) 489-5888.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

**NEWARK**—13th annual Fund raising Auction for the Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. 5-9 pm at the Newark Club. For more information, call 908-649-5727.

THROUGH APRIL 25

**SOMERVILLE**—Printmaking classes for Youth adults at the Printmaking Council. For more information, call 908-725-2110.

THROUGH MAY 2

**SOMERVILLE**—Printmaking classes for children six through nine at the Printmaking Council. For more information, call 908-725-2110.

## Raritan Valley Links host reception for honorees



Standing L to R: Gloria Carter, Elizabeth Cary, Althea Tallafra, Emma Massey, Gayle Thigpen-Allen, Claire Davis, Sara Francis Wood, Maurice Williams, Georgia Tiller, Ogretta Whipper Hawkins. Seated L to R: Joan Davis, President, Dr. Vera King Farris, Penny Jones, Barbara Keller-Sease

Members of the Raritan Valley Chapter of The Links, Inc. gathered recently at the house of Mrs. Gayle Thigpen-Allen to attend a reception in honor of the recipients of their 1997 Luminous Award which is presented to African-American Women of Distinction.

The honorees, all women of charm, energy and ability, interfaced and socialized with the group by sharing significant aspects of their work. The recipients include: Dr. Vera King

Farris, President of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Ms. Marilyn "Penny" Jones, Director and Assistant General Manager of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America's (Panasonic, Quasar, Technics) Corporate Contributions Department; Ms. Barbara Kelley-Sease, Director of the Children's Defense Fund's Black Community Crusade for Children, Washington, D.C.; and Ms. Barbara Wright Bell, President of The Amelior Foundation.

## NJN Names Linda Coles Executive Producer of Another View



TRENTON—Linda L. Coles has returned to New Jersey Network as executive producer of Another View, NJN's award-winning African American community affairs series, announced William Jobs, director of news and public affairs.

Coles has more than 12 years in the broadcasting industry concentrating primarily on news and public affairs programming. Her work has received three regional Emmy nominations from the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and has been cited by the New Jersey Associated Press Broadcasters Association.

Most recently, Coles worked at KYW-TV3 in Philadelphia as a producer of the public affairs programs, Square Off, and the weekly Philadelphia Saturday Tribune. Coles played a key role in the expansion of KYW's weekend news programming with her production of the segments, Ask the Vet and Philadelphia Business Journal.

Prior to joining KYW in 1993, Coles served as a staff producer at NJN from 1983 to 1993, where she focused on political segments, minority affairs and news packages for NA News and Another View.

## Asbury Park's 62nd Annual Easter Pageant



**CUTEST GIRL ON THE BOARDWALK**—Christian Murray, 2, Long Branch, was judged the prettiest girl on the Asbury Park Boardwalk. She receives her first place trophy from State Assemblyman Thomas S. Smith, while Mistress of Ceremony Midge Guerra looks on.



**MOST HANDSOME YOUNG MEN ON THE BOARDWALK**—Scott Spies, 6, Brickton, left, Sawyer Taylor, 8, Tinton Falls, and Anthony James, 13, months, held by Asbury Park Councilman John Hamilton were judged first, second, and third place as the most handsome young men in the 62nd Annual Asbury Park Easter Pageant. Judging took place in the Asbury Park Convention Center.

# Your weekly Horoscope

**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are highly attuned to your own emotions and those of others. When in love, you emerge with your lover with all your heart, mind and soul. Your friends know you will be the first to join their celebrations, and the last to leave when trouble strikes.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

You will be challenged to put forth your very best, so keep any rebellious thoughts to yourself. Being filled with high energy, make sure you are sensitive to other people's feelings. It's time to come out of your shell and live a little.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)

Guard against any undue stress—someone or something has hit just the right button and drained your energy. You may be having problems coping, and moodiness will no doubt result—remember that actions will always speak louder than words.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 31)

Make time to stay home and rest, tension from all sides may be stressing you out. Your fresh, new ideas in the workplace will be received very favorably. Conditions are excellent for rapid progress at work. Get in contact with an old friend you've lost track of.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)

There will be heavy demands on you, so try to stick to routine and all will go well. If you have been clinging to either a child or lover, you need to let go a little, they need more space now. Angry words may flare between you and another, be cautious.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)

Your mind is usually quick and perceptive. You will no doubt captivate others with your wit and wisdom. Authorities at work are interested in hearing your opinions, and the ability to see the big picture will be greatly appreciated. Listen to the ideas of others.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)

If you can grasp an opportunity to better yourself financially don't pass it up, the effort is worth it. Again, the extra effort may be needed at work—go early and stay late. Your understanding of the needs of both men and women helps you mediate gender-based disputes.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)

Heavy demands are made on your time and energy. Disputes with family members can be resolved through thoughtful discussions. Any business meetings will also be productive. Your mate will end the week with a romantic interlude, and, if unattached, a new love is waiting.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 23)

Your keen memory and problem-solving abilities will help you to impress your bosses. It's really check time for you, with memories and intuition playing major roles in your actions for the next few months. There are powerful spiritual insights dominating your inner self.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)

It may be time to step back from current projects to think things out, to give you a better perspective on long-term career strategies. It's a good time to share bright ideas with your colleagues. There seems to be an old adversary back on the scene, be cautious and patient.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)

It will be challenging week, and you are assertive in getting your ideas across. A friend will no doubt welcome your help, and may be either combative or irrational, so be patient with them. But there will also be a limit to patience, so know when to say enough is enough.

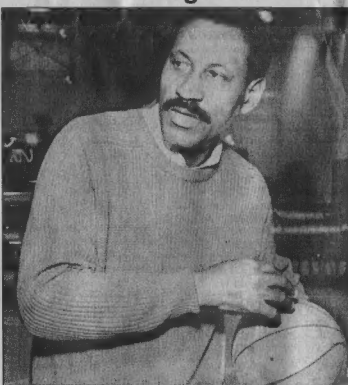
AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)

Your health is in question during the week. Be reassured that there is nothing wrong with you—just more rest and less stress now. Take extra time for your mate, and have a long and loving talk with a loved one. Your communication skills will get you through the week's challenges.

PISCES: (February 20-March 20)

You may need to lift your ideas out. Nobody will mind though, because what you have to say is fascinating. The work week will start out with opportunity for monetary gains. There are differences of opinion which may threaten a friendship; resolve them now.

## Youth basketball league coaches teens on the game of life



Coach Mark Anthony

Since its founding in 1990, The Christian Recreational and Cultural Ministry (CRCM) Basketball League has been giving teens a physical, academic, cultural and spiritual workout.

Rev. Langston Miles, CRCM founder, states that the League provides young men from the inner city with an atmosphere that encourages character development and helps to prepare them for a future off the courts and the streets.

Winning is not the name of this game. Players are taught the fundamentals of the sport and the basic skills required to play. Rules are strictly enforced as an exercise in fair play and self-discipline.

The League's coaches, all volunteers, serve as role models to their teams. The league's organizational guidelines specify that the coach is to be of Godly character and conduct. According to Marvin Anthony, one of the league's coaches, "These young men need role models—real people who take a genuine interest in them. My involvement with the league is a labor of love—love for these boys."

Kevin Maynor, a professional opera singer and League organizer, adds, "In the League, we see the game of basketball as a metaphor for life. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. But team play is essential. Every game presents a new challenge. We want our guys take what they learn about basketball and apply it to their lives."

Strict rules encourage commitment from the players. Young men, 14 to 18 years old must have passing grades in school. They must be active church participants—either the church they represent on the league or their own. The CRCM Basketball League requires that teams participate in five religious and cultural activities each year. Last year, the teens visited several museums including the Newark Museum in Newark, N.J. and the Whitney Museum and the Museum of Natural History in New York City. They also went to a concert at Carnegie Hall, and toured the Hoffman-La Roche Cancer Laboratories.

The league is comprised of eight teams from the following North Jersey churches: Bethany Baptist Church, Newark; Trinity Baptist Church, Newark; New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange; Mount Olive Baptist Church, East Orange; Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark; St. Martin A.M.E. Church, Gettysburg Baptist Church, Newark and New Hope Baptist Church, Newark. The Christian Recreational and Cultural Ministry Basketball League will host its annual awards banquet on Saturday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the World Impact Building, 275 Sussex Street, Newark. The league's best teams, players and coaches will be honored.

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## RIFT BETWEEN LABOR, SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WIDENS

Johannesburg, South Africa (IPS)—South Africa's largest workers' umbrella, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), plans to take to the streets on May 12 in protest against a new bill which is set to further deregulate the labor market. The federation is part of a tripartite alliance that also includes the South African Communist Party, but it has increasingly questioned the policies of its senior partner, the African National Congress (ANC). COSATU entered the 1994 elections in partnership with the two parties and the alliance garnered 62.5 percent (12.2 million) of the votes. However, COSATU is now not pleased with government's Growth Employment and Redistribution (GEAR) policy, which it sees as neo-liberal. The 1997-98 budget announced recently has also raised concern within labor about the effectiveness of GEAR to achieve job creation. Finance Minister Trevor Manuel himself has admitted that while South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by about 3.1 percent over the last year, relatively few jobs were created. Unemployment, officially estimated at over 30 percent, is rising and the country's limited public services in areas such as health and education are already heavily stretched. Additionally, COSATU believes that the imposition of a four-percent budget deficit target in the 1997-98 financial year will mean a cut in public spending at a time when millions of poor South Africans are not covered by a basic social security net. COSATU also wants to see a reduction in the statutory working week from 46 hours to 40 hours, but it appears that the government will propose a 45-hour.

## RACIAL POLICIES OF OIL GIANTS INVOLVED IN MERGER PROMPTS COMMUNITY CONCERN

The merger of two oil giants with histories of racial discrimination is prompting the concern of national civil rights groups and community organizations, many of whom receive funds from the two. Los Angeles based community groups, political leaders and representatives of national civil rights groups, including the Congressional Black Caucus, TransAfrica, CORE and the NAACP, held a press conference on March 19 to protest the merger of Shell and Tescoro. The merger of their refining and marketing in 28 Midwest and Western states will make the new operations the largest in the domestic oil industry. Tescoro was recently the subject of a nationwide boycott after tapes were made public featuring company executives making racist comments. Shell is currently the subject of a discrimination lawsuit by African-American employees, who charge the company with creating and maintaining a company-wide policy of race based discriminatory employment policies. One plaintiff in the case against Shell said she heard she was not given a better performance review, because she reminded the regional manager of an "old washerwoman." This is the same plaintiff who in 1994 received the best numbers in her region but claims she was denied an internal award.

## AIDS DEATHS DECLINE; BLACK CHANGE LESS

According to new data released this month from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the overall death rate due to AIDS has declined for the first time since the beginning of the epidemic. However, while the overall death rate from AIDS declined by 13 percent, tremendous disparity was seen in the death rates among Hispanics and African Americans when compared to whites. Among whites, the AIDS death rate declined by 21 percent, while the decline was 10 percent among the Hispanics and only two percent among African Americans. In a recent telephone press briefing Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General and current professor of pediatric endocrinology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences at Arkansas Children's Hospital, was joined by Moises Agosto, a patient advocate with the National Minority AIDS Council and Dr. Alberto Arendano, executive director of the Florida AIDS Action Council, to discuss the disparity.

## AHN'S President contributes \$7,700 to Sharpton's campaign

NEW YORK—Frank Mercado-Valdes, president of the African Heritage Movie Network (AHN) personally contributed \$7,700 toward Rev. Al Sharpton's New York City mayoral campaign. Mercado-Valdes and AHN staff made the maximum allowable personal contribution.

Mercado-Valdes, a registered Republican, challenged other African American businesses to support the campaign. "We may not all agree with what Rev. Sharpton says, but he has been in the front of black empowerment for over decades," said Mercado-Valdes. "Sharpton has been shaking trees and African American businesses have benefited from the fruits of Sharpton's labor. It's our moral obligation to support the leaders who have supported us. He deserves our support and resources."

Sharpton arrived at the meeting after visiting privately with other key businessmen in the city.

Sharpton, who officially announced his candidacy on April 4, said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani had never run a city government budget before his appointment as mayor and the other democratic candidates never ran citywide. "I'm capable of running a city budget and I have proven that I can get votes both city and statewide," said Sharpton.

Sharpton said that African Americans and Latinos represent 55% of the voting block. These voters are concerned with education, job training and police brutality. He added that Mayor Giuliani doesn't address our concerns and we have enough voting power to defeat Giuliani who only represents part of the city.

Sharpton said that the media attention he gets is usually after the fact. "Many times, people contact me when the damage has been done and the media has been alerted. This makes it appear as if I'm looking for media attention," said Sharpton. If possible, he wants people to give him information and as much proof as soon as possible. "If we have all the information and facts then we can be even more effective in getting results," he added.

"I appreciate your words, support and acknowledgment of my work," Rev. Sharpton said to Mercado-Valdes. "Tomorrow, I'm going to call other African-American businessmen to ask for their support."



Rev. Al Sharpton meets with Frank Mercado-Valdes

## Church suspends Chavis from ministry

CLEVELAND (AP)—The United Church of Christ has suspended the ministry status of the Rev. Benjamin Chavis, a former NAACP director who has joined the Nation of Islam.

A hearing on Chavis' standing is planned April 24 in Durham, N.C. A final determination will be made by a regional church board.

Chavis is an ordained minister in the Cleveland-based church and a former head of its Commission on Racial Justice. He announced in February that he joined the Nation of Islam.

The suspension means Chavis should not administer the sacraments, the church said Wednesday. Chavis, 49, also should avoid other ordained ministerial functions, such as serving in a pastoral leadership role, the church said.

Chavis was expected to ask that he be allowed to retain his ministerial standing, said the Rev. Rollin Russell of the UCC's Southern Conference in North Carolina. Chavis was ordained in 1980 in the Southern Conference and maintains his ministerial standing there.

Russell has talked with Chavis about the matter and "feels the press has misconstrued his intentions," Russell said. He did not elaborate.

Russell said directors of the church's Eastern North Carolina Association suspended Chavis from the ministry March 21 based on his in-

## Eminent Nigerian citizens charged with treason

Lagos, Nigeria (IPS)—Nigeria has started criminal proceedings against some of its most respected and internationally-known citizens for allegedly conspiring to wage war against the government.

In a surprise move on March 12, 1997, which came hot on the heels of an Organization of African Unity (OAU) mission to review human rights in the country, the Chief Magistrate Court in Ikeja, a northern industrial suburb, began criminal proceedings against 15 Nigerians, four of whom were not present when the charges were read. Among the 15 are the exiled Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka, Olu Falae, former finance minister in the administration of Ibrahim Babangida and Fredrick Fubuh, chair of the Campaign for Democracy (CD).

According to the first count read at the court, between May 1995 and February 10, 1997, the 15 "conspired to levy war against the Federal Military government of Nigeria and thereby committed an offense punishable under Section 37(2) of the criminal code." The second charge, which listed the accused names, read: "You... between May 1995 and February 1997 at Lagos in the Lagos Magistrate district did levy war against the federal military government by causing explosions in various parts of Nigeria in order to intimidate and overthrow the Head of State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and thereby committed an offense punishable under the criminal code."

A spate of bombings rocked the commercial capital earlier this year, but no one claimed responsibility for the blasts which were aimed primarily at military and security targets. Soyinka, who is in the United States, Dr. Abiodun Alakinde, retired Lt. Gen. Alani Akinnade, and Chief Anthony Enahoro were all listed among the 15 as "still at large." Speaking from California, Soyinka denied the charges read to the Magistrate Court.

The writer has been in exile since November 1994.

involvement with the Nation of Islam and their conclusion that Chavis "had left the Christian faith."

Chavis, now known as Minister Benjamin Chavis Muhammad, said he did not return a call left Wednesday at his Washington, D.C. office.

Chavis became executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1993. He was fired in 1994 after he admitted he had used NAACP funds to settle a sexual discrimination case against him without consulting the board.

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# EDITORIAL

## Toricelli should keep his promises

The Black Ministers' Council is concerned that Senator Robert Toricelli has pulled a double-cross and reneged on a promise to appoint a black professional to one of the top spots in his newly acquired U.S. Senate Office.

The Senator, who replaced the very popular Bill Bradley, received a landslide vote from the black community and the urban community.

It is an insult that Senator Toricelli did not act to avoid what appears to be an act of giving the black community the finger after getting elected. His actions show a total lack of respect and appreciation for the people who made a difference in his campaign. His actions could give Democrats a major problem and help unravel the straightedge Democrats seem to have on African Americans regardless of whether they deliver or not. Popular Republicans such as former Governor Tom Kean and current Governor Christine Todd Whitman have proved that they can also attract black voters.

Governor Whitman, who is very visible at events and generally likable is poised to become a new breed of Republican who can transcend ideology and party.

The good senator must realize that he is not appointed forever. Furthermore, it would seem he has a responsibility to carry a standard for the party for the upcoming gubernatorial election and other local elections where Toricelli should set the example of the Democrat party. Right now, that Democrat party image is fast becoming tarnished.

### An open letter to the African-American community

I am writing to you as heads and leaders of minority groups, churches, and communities to ask for your help in defeating the Governor's proposal to privatize the Temporary Disability Insurance Service (TDI).

As a minority who works for the state to administer this program, I have first hand knowledge that privatization of this program will negatively affect minority claimants and minority employers in greater numbers.

A great number of minorities are employed by small companies or factories, all of which are covered by State Plan Program. Therefore the sale of this program will adversely affect minorities more than any group. Most less-employers are not sophisticated or knowledgeable enough to fend for themselves or fight big insurance companies to get what is rightfully theirs. Most of them will fall through the cracks and be left helpless without state protection. Don't let this happen. Speak out for those who can not act and

now before it's too late!

It should also be noted that 75 of 240 state employees who would be affected by this privatization are minorities. A lot of these employees have been here 15-25 years. Let's face it, due to high population of minorities in Trenton, State Government has always provided a safe alternative for those who live here. Now the Governor is taking it away.

The Governor's office claims that he represents the best interest of the African-American community. Where? How? A few insignificant appointments in an election year doesn't cut it. He needs to be made accountable to the minority communities if he wants their votes and we can start—now. His program.

Whatever you and your organization can do on our behalf and on behalf of the millions of taxpayers covered by this program will be greatly appreciated. In the meantime, please pass copies of this letter and attached articles to other concerned groups.

Adelle Ayaga

### A response to "Along the Color Line"

Recently I read the article on "The Plight of The Working Poor." I was moved by the story and greatly saddened. I am a young woman with three children. I have until recently been a recipient of welfare and know first hand the hardships and struggle of keeping a family moving upward with limited resources. For the last five years I have been going to college and will soon graduate. I would not have attained the job I currently have if it had not been for the opportunity of having attended school. After completing a two year college my case manager told me that I should consider going on for an additional two years. I then did not understand exactly what he was preparing me for those few words. I know now that her few words and many actions persuading her boss has led me to this point. I knew clearly that the laws were changing but it seemed that time just moved quickly. What I did not understand was that at this time in my life having a bachelor's degree would make me marketable in the workplace.

I am very troubled with the cuts and the new laws that soon will be in effect. My concerns are for the women, and especially the children will suffer a new degree of poverty worse than they ever know before. Unskilled and unprepared for the computer wave emerging upon us despair will truly hit hard, especially on minorities. Yes,

this another blow below the belt for many poor people. "Workfare" will be a joke! Minimum wage will not be enough to provide for families. I am not suggesting by any means that capable humans should not go to work; but those who have time become equipped quickly in training programs that will enable them to be useful now and in the future.

On the flip side of the madness, I see some positive out comes from the political events that will change the world as we see it. These devastating laws will tie families and communities together economically, emotionally and spiritually. Our society's mindset ultimate goal has been to become independent. This concept will be and the idea of the past. Individuals in our society will have no other choice but to become creative, witty, and come up with inventions and new business ventures for survival.

Finally, I have heard it does not kill you if you make you stronger and when times get tough the tough get together. I must say that despite of the hard time upon us that in the worst of time the best emerges. I believe with out a doubt that there is hope and where there is hope there is a way. The reality of these changes are soon upon us and we must ban together for the existence of our world.

Alma Fracrot

## OPINION

# A Partnership for Public Education

By Kwesi Mlume and Carole Shields

Across all racial and gender lines and transcending the ideological borders of our political parties, one belief should unite us as Americans: that public education should be a consistent, national commitment to every child. As long as we commit to keeping our schools strong and making our schools better, we know that our children can do anything.

But now, our nation's commitment with our children is in question. That is why two organizations committed to strong public schools the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and People For the American Way are proud to announce a Partnership for Public Education. This partnership seeks to ensure that public education will remain a fundamental guarantee for all our children. What threatens our children and what threatens our children's schools? A pernicious, steal from the poor and give to the rich scheme known as

vouchers. Voucher proposals now pending in both houses of Congress as well as nearly two dozen state legislatures would take money away from our public school students and give it to private schools and abandon many of our children in the process. These proposals represent a dire threat to public education in this nation.

What is wrong with vouchers? Plenty but our foremost objection is this: They leave children behind. There aren't enough classrooms and there aren't enough desks in private schools to hold all of the children who might want to be included. And, private schools are selective. Unlike our public schools, they are not required, nor are they inclined many times, to regard children as equally deserving to their school when it comes to race, gender, faith, national origin, disability, economic challenge. Vouchers take us to a world in which private schools cherry pick the best of the brightest, leaving the children behind in public schools in schools that are robbed of precious funds.

Skin color, religion, economic class,

language group, need for remedial work all of these things would be barriers to acceptance and success in a system designed around the choices of the private schools, not the choices of the parents and students. And what happens when private schools do not economically disadvantaged kids in the few schools where voucher programs exist Milwaukee and Cleveland, for example, vouchers pay only part of the tuition bills. Parents pay the rest. Transportation costs? Parents pay. Extracurricular activities, such as sports or band? Parents pay. Books for learning? Parents pay.

Although none is so pressing as the attack they represent on our children's future, other problems exist with respect to voucher proposals. Vouchers would assuredly result in many Americans paying more in property taxes either directly or through higher local property school taxes, faced with an even greater exodus of students and adults, would be forced to prevail upon state legislatures for multimillion-dollar bailouts, or they

would disintegrate altogether. And last but not least, let us not forget that the U.S. Constitution expressly prohibits spending public funds on the advancement of religion, and that is exactly what would happen if public tax dollars are funneled to private schools, including sectarian ones.

Voucher proponents argue that the public schools are like sinking ships. But they are trying to throw life preservers to a few, select children. We know that it's better to make our public education ship seaworthy and safe. We can do this by taking an interest in our schools, by attending school board meetings and parent teacher conferences, by asking our kids what they did at school that day and listening closely to their answer.

The NAACP and People For the American Way formed a Partnership for Public Education because we feel it is time to reclaim our public schools, to give national education the opportunity of every child. Every child counts. All children need free and open access to quality education. And not one child must be left behind.

# Rosewood loses to Booby Call, Why Do We Support the Worst?

By Sharon Khadijah Vincent

When a movie such as *Booby Call* does better business at the box office than a high quality and distinguished film such as *Rosewood*, something is very, very wrong.

We complain that the depiction of African Americans in the mass media (film, television, radio, newspaper and magazines, etc.) are generally ignorant and loaded with a myriad of stereotypes that do not give a fair balance or representation of our community and experiences. Therefore, it would only seem logical that there would be a huge market for a quality production such as the film *Rosewood*. It represents the type of movie that Hollywood studios hardly ever provide financial backing or support for. As far too often is the case, however, logic has very little to do with people's decision making process. We say we want one thing, yet we support something else.

If you've already seen the film

*Rosewood*, you already know what a great job John Singleton did with bringing this true story to the screen. It is important that you tell and encourage everyone that you know or can influence to go out and see this movie. Hopefully, you will be able to still find it playing at a local theater. It has already stopped playing at most of the theaters. Go see this movie with family, friends and neighbors. This is one film that is truly worth the cost of admission. It's also a movie that informs, entertains and educates a true rarity among the normal fare of gratuitous sex and violence we usually get.

With few exceptions, positive and interesting films that allow Black actors and actresses to showcase their immense talents and abilities are few and far between. While there has certainly been progress made over the years, we still have a long, long way to go in presenting a balanced portrait of the Black community, our historical experiences, current realities and possibilities. In the movie *Rosewood*, some of those stories are told and depicted,

and it's certainly a story that John Singleton did justice to. We will see if his determination and faith (in his film and in us) will be rewarded by our support at the box office and our purchase of the movie when it does come out on video tape.

Jon Peters is the producer of *Rosewood* and he deserves a lot of recognition for his willingness to financially back the movie. The actors and actresses who appear in the film all did a great job. It was really good to see actors Ving Rhames and Don Cheadle in starring roles that showcased their enormous talents and abilities. Esther Rolle, as she has in role after role, was terrific as the matriarch of the Carter family. Everyone connected to this film should feel proud, and hopefully their work will not be forgotten next year when it's time to give out those awards for movies released in 1997.

There are so many stories to be told about our experiences, both good and bad. If we are really tired of the shallow, empty-headed, and irresponsible, clownish, waste cracking

caricatures that we see depicted over and over again in the various films produced in Hollywood, then let's stop supporting them! Filmmakers can get movies like *Booby Call* produced because they make money. The script may be bad, the acting horrendous, the message negative; but, as long as people pay money to go see it, it is the type of product that will receive financial backing. *Booby Call* in its opening weekend (it's the opening weekend figures that matter most to financial backers, because it usually signifies what type of grosses the films will eventually bring in) was in the top five. *Rosewood* didn't even gross as much as *Booby Call* made in its first few weeks of release.

While questions can be raised about the timing of the movie's release, and how much was budgeted for public relations and promotion, it is not important for us to suspect the word and do our own "word of mouth promotion" for our films or other works that we feel are important and worthy of our support.

### Final Part:

By Jesse L. Jackson Jr., Congressman

Frustration at the inability to make racial progress will lead to increased racial tensions, witnessed daily on television or experienced every day by average black, white, red, yellow and brown people; or, in the extreme, lead to racial explosions—as we witnessed in the aftermath of the Rodney King trial.

The other alternative is to think that you are contributing to racial progress merely by talking about it privately. I am reminded by former Senator Bill Bradley's poignant statement, "When is the last time you sat down with a person of another race and had a frank discussion about

race?" Yes, dialogue undoubtedly helps break down barriers and contributes to understanding, but enhanced personal interactions, without economic progress, will not achieve the goal of racial reconciliation.

One might wonder why I appear to be down playing the importance of educating the American people about race and public discrimination. My point is that merely talking about or reporting on race relations through the media, especially television, is subject to the same limitations as in the case of individual dialogue.

Ted Koppel and "Nightline" have done some wonderful and important shows on race, but unless, in the end, it is reported in the context of a comprehensive economic approach it will not markedly improve race relations in America. In fact, in an unintended way, it may even add to the tensions and frustration by reflecting the lack of progress on the racial front.

The problem is that we cannot make real progress on the race question in economic isolation. The race problem must be solved in the context of providing employment, health care, housing, education, and a fair share of wealth and income to all of the American people.

If we attempt to deal with the race question outside of that economic context, we are engaging in race entertainment, because we cannot make systematic progress in race relations under these conditions. What often happens is that television ends up not only not providing information (with ratings) not educating people about race, but using race to entertain them instead. And, unfortunately, this is often done in the most sensational manner.

That is why I say that the O.J. Simpson trials have basically been about race entertainment, not about racial education or racial reconciliation. What could be more sensational, and off the point of substantively dealing with the state of current race relations in America, than the O.J.

Simpson trials—a superstar black male athlete (the still alleged to have murdered his beautiful blond white wife (the forbidden fruit)?

Even if we had a more understanding and reconciliation possible in one year of a full employment economy than there is in three decades of talking about race on television, no matter how well intentioned, we are not there.

Sensationalizing race in the current economic climate only increases racial tensions, adds to frustration, increases cynicism, may contribute to increased drug use and other means of escape, that at some point will explode into increased domestic and societal violence.

Racial justice is not the same as economic justice. There would still be racism in a full employment economy. But systematic and steady racial progress can only be achieved in the context of a full employment economy—and it will only be achieved—the degree that, as a nation, we make progress on other basic economic issues mentioned above.

Thus, the Federal Reserve System must become a part of the racial justice dispute. Every time unemployment dips below five percent, Chairman Alan Greenspan uses employment growth to say that the economy is overheating, and as the rationale to raise interest rates, slow the economy and raise unemployment. Welfare reform promised to move recipients from welfare to work. But if the Fed maintains its present policy, not only will the unemployed increase and the number of people on welfare rise, but the rejected workers will receive no government assistance. Does not such a fiscal policy negatively impact race relations?

Even definitions must become part of the dialogue. The political motivated movement to redefine the CPI (lowering the Consumer Price Index in order to reduce the budget deficit) will have a negative effect on the real lives of all Americans, but disproportionately on the lives of people of color. It will impact race rela-

tions.

Similarly, even the way we define full employment effects race relations? In 1971, when Richard Nixon was President, employment had risen to ten percent of the workforce. At the time, three percent was defined as full employment. He thought five percent might cost him the election, so in August of 1971 he took an action traditionally known as "water-gate" and imposed wage and price controls, jawboned the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates, and it worked. By November of 1972, the economy was booming, employment had dramatically risen and he was overwhelmingly re-elected. They accused George McGovern of losing the election because he was too liberal. The fact is, Nixon won re-election because he was the liberal.

We must challenge the media, political, labor and other leaders to transform the national discussion and debate from mere racial justice for minorities to genuine justice for all minorities in the context of general economic justice for all Americans.

In a nation with the economic ability and the technological capability of providing every American with a decent life, it is an outrage and a scandal that there should be such social misery in our country. What do we say to the American poor and the victims of racism, sexism and classism? That you are better off than the Russian poor, the Bosnia poor, the Asian poor, the Latin poor or the African poor? That is cruel, insensitive and immoral!

No, we must tell them that such injustice is intolerable, that no American should be institutionally and systematically maimed in body and spirit when our country has the means of doing better. The standard is not a matter of degree. American wrongdoings could be, but of how much better they should be if we only had the political leadership and developed the political will to change.

It is time to end race entertainment, and time to start down the sure path of economic and racial justice.

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## UNITED WAY OF ESSEX AND WEST HUDSON CELEBRATES THE POWER OF WOMEN

ORANGE—The United Way of Essex and West Hudson (UWE&WH) held their annual meeting on March 18 at St. Matthew's AME Church, and this year they focused on their work in women's issues and concerns. Serving as keynote speaker this year was Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago, Tenured Professor and Director of the Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership at Rutgers University in Camden.

Dr. Clement Alexander Price, a history professor at Rutgers, also presented the William H. Ashby Award to Sister Mary W. Dwyer, who was being recognized for her years of community service. Dwyer was one of the founders of St. Columba School and St. Columba Church.

UWE&WH supports and advocates for critical health and human care delivery for women in the community. According to the organization, many women struggling with a crisis such as domestic violence, unemployment, substance abuse, and homelessness, who lack basic survival skills for self-sufficiency have found support and resources in the United Way system for caring. Last year, more than half of the organization's funded initiatives were targeted to women's related issues, the highest being in the area of family breakdown and empowerment, which was at 11%.

"Addressing women's issues is one of United Way's priorities which is envisioned in its mission as social investor and community builder through the ties that bind us," says United Way President and CEO Maria Vizarondo-DeSoto.

## NEWARK Y TO HOST FREE HEALTHY KIDS DAY FESTIVAL

Newark—On Saturday, April 12, the Newark YMCA will join with YMCA organizations throughout the country in hosting a nationwide Healthy Kids Day.

The day-long schedule of activities includes family games and recreation, fitness testing, free health and dental screenings, arts and crafts, pool activities and more. The event is free and open to area children and their families from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Y's downtown branch, located at 600 Broad Street, Newark.

In addition to the scheduled games and activities, there will be numerous free gifts and raffle prizes, including a Grand Prize drawing for a free bicycle.

Healthy nutritional habits will also be encouraged during an outdoor barbecue being held throughout the day. Proceeds from all food and beverage sales will benefit the Newark Y's Track Team, Soccer Team and their Black Achiever's program.

"We are looking forward to a tremendously successful event," said Senior Program Director Mike Bright.

Last year more than 700 children and families enjoyed our Healthy Kids Day activities, and we anticipate an even greater turnout this year. The Y has a wonderful tradition of being a positive place for kids to learn and grow, and Healthy Kids Day is a great opportunity for us to stress the importance of a healthy environment for the entire family in a way that's a lot of fun for everyone," Bright said.

## Inner-City African-American Teens Less likely to smoke than White or Hispanic Teens

NEWARK—African-American teenagers living in inner cities are less likely to smoke cigarettes than their white or Hispanic peers, but they are also less likely to quit once they have started, according to a new study by physicians at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

The study of smoking patterns among inner-city teenagers, conducted by physicians at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark, surveyed 7,607 students attending the 11 public high schools in Newark and Orange. In a questionnaire, students were asked if they smoked cigarettes and tested on their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about smoking.

The results of the survey, published in March 1997 issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health* showed that 7 percent of African-American teenagers smoke on a regular basis, as compared to 16 percent of white teens and 11 percent of Hispanic teens. The prevalence of smoking among boys and girls was the same.

However, only 10 percent of the African-American teens qualified themselves as ex-smokers, as compared to 21 percent of Hispanics and 15 percent of whites. The highest prevalence rate of ex-smokers—55 percent—was found in the group with family incomes of \$50,000 or more. This statistic indicates that more than half of the high-income youths had experimented with smoking but then quit.

Overall, 9 percent of teenagers in the survey said they were smokers, 17 percent said they were ex-smokers and 74 percent had never smoked.

"It was distributed to note that almost all of the teenagers started smoking at age 15 or younger and were heavily encouraged by their friends," said Dr. G. Keza Najem professor of preventive medicine and community health at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and principal investigator of the study. "We don't know why fewer African-American teens smoke, but in other studies it has been reported that African-Americans start smoking later in life."

When asked why they smoke, 53 percent of teens said smoking relieves stress. Another 25 percent said smoking makes them feel good, and 7 percent

said they smoke because "it looks cool." More than 40 percent of smokers were introduced to smoking by friends.

The study also found that "The prevalence of smoking was higher in the teens whose parents or guardian had not graduated from high school."

"Smokers were significantly less knowledgeable about smoke-related diseases than ex-smokers or non-smokers."

"More than half of the smokers and two-thirds of the ex-smokers and non-smokers believed that it is a physician's responsibility to advise all patients to quit smoking."

"These data suggest that multidimensional and smoking strategies are needed to address smoking for minority teenagers," Dr. Najem said. "These strategies should include personal, supportive messages from physicians, relatives and friends."

Surveys were completed by 2,461 African-American students, 1,303 Hispanic students, and 720 white students.

## Robinson retires after 22 years

EAST ORANGE—Family, friends and co-workers gathered to bid farewell to Vincent M. Robinson at a retirement party at Bogies on January 31. Employed in the Tax Assessor's Office, he became a member of the East Orange City Hall in January 31, 1975.

Accompanied by his wife Martha and daughter Sharon, Robinson was publicly recognized for over two decades of distinguished and dedicated service with the city, having served over four mayors.

Known for his friendly, warm smile, Robinson is a Korean War veteran. A source of joy and inspiration to those fortunate to know him, he was presented with an inscribed gold watch by his long time friend, Victor Hartsfield, Director of Taxation. "Mr. Robinson is a man who I am happy to call my friend. He has given of himself through his unselfish dedication and 22 years of exemplary public service. Tonight we salute you, Vincent. We say thank you, Hartsfield said. Mayor Cardell Cooper, City Administrator LeRoy J. Jones, Jr. and Beverly K.

Williams were also in attendance. They spoke about Robinson's com-



Vincent Robinson accepts proclamation upon his retirement from Mayor Cardell Cooper.

mitment to excellence, his sense of purpose and the integrity he brought to each task he undertook.

"Vincent Robinson exemplified the true spirit of a public servant. While we will miss him, we know he will continue to serve his fellow East Orange citizens," Mayor Cooper said.

Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 1077 officers Cathy Braxton and Mark Winston presented Robinson with a plaque and a lapel pin. He also received a proclamation from the city, a resolution from municipal council and a letter of appreciation from the First Ward East Orange Democratic County Committee of which he is a member.

Robinson plans to attend theology school in New Brunswick to pursue his interest in the ministry.

Those who know him agreed that retirement will not be an end but rather a new beginning for Vincent Robinson; another chapter in the book of life. "Best wishes on new, sweet beginnings and on your retirement from the entire East Orange family," the Mayor added.

## Morehouse College Glee Club Sing On



Pictured: left to right are Deborah Baker, president of r.F. Mount Blacks in Government, Glee Club members LeSean Lewis, Derek Ragland, Barbara Scott, chapter treasurer, and Maj. Gen. Gerard Brohm.

by Avery Grant

RED BANK —As their motto states, "Brothers in Song, Sing On!" and true to their long standing tradition, beginning in 1870, the Morehouse College Glee Club sang to the delight of 800 concert goers in the Count Basie Theater, Red Bank.

Included in their repertoire was a solemn rendition of Jubilee Deo (O Be Joyful to the Lord) by Gabrieli, then transitioned through a humorous drinking song, Trinkled by Schubert, and ended the first half of the concert with their powerful rendition of God Give Us Men by Uzee Brown. This song was commissioned for the inauguration of their ninth and current college president, Dr. Walter Massey.

This was their first visit to Mountmounth County. "We brought 50 members," said Kelvin Samp, a senior

and tour manager. "Only half of our glee club came because of costs, and all had to compete for a position on the tour." The group left Atlanta on March 7th for their Annual Spring Concert Tour, which includes performances in Saint Louis, Chicago, Memphis, New York City, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Stamford, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Washington, D.C. and Winston-Salem.

The Red Bank concert was sponsored by the MENTORS, Fort Mountmounth Chapter of Blacks in Government and supported by nine local organizations: Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, The Continentals, Central Jersey Business and Professional Women's Club, St. Paul Baptist Church (Atlantic Highlands), Ministerial Alliance of Ashbury Park/ Neptune, and the Ashbury Park/Neptune NAACP Branch.

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## Hundreds of Math Events for Parents and Children Statewide

NEW BRUNSWICK—Hundreds of schools and community organizations will be hosting events to inform and involve parents in their children's education in math, science, and technology. With the adoption of state standards in mathematics, science and technology, 1997's Math, Science, and Technology Month will increase parental awareness of these standards and demonstrate how their children's educational experience may change as these standards are adopted.

At events such as "Math Olympics" in Hackensack for pre-Kinder-garten-5th grade students, and "Tech Quest '97" in Sewell, a problem solving contest for 1st-8th graders, to "Think Quest '97" in Cranford, a high school project to develop educational tools for the Internet, parents will participate in exciting problem-solving and learning experiences with their children. They'll be doing math, science, and technology. They will also receive a new Parents' Guide that explains the vision of the state stan-

dards in these areas and provides interactive projects for parents and children of all ages.

"Mathematics, Science, and Technology Month was created to increase public awareness of these subjects and to encourage parents to be involved in their children's education," said Joseph G. Rosenstein, Director of the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition and Professor of Mathematics at Rutgers University. "Parents' attitudes play a key role in whether a child values and is interested in these key subjects. We need to show our children that math, science, and technology are exciting and worthwhile—that they can be prepared for and succeed in their careers and lives in the 21st century." Based at Rutgers University, NJ SSL draws on expertise from educators, mathematicians, scientists and industry leaders. For information on other events in the state or the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition, call Peter Sobel at (908) 445-2894.

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## Newark students bring home awards

NEWARK—Danielle Scott is a young woman who is already an artistic trendsetter. Her winning sculpture of a homeless woman with children was a sculpture medium-corrugated cardboard. The 17-year-old Arts High student received a gold medal in sculpture and painting at the 8th annual New Jersey Afro Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) held at Piscataway High School. "I'm looking forward to competing at the national competition again," said Scott. "It was so much fun." Now Danielle will advance along with her teammates to the 19th annual competition in Pittsburgh during July.

Newark ACT-SO Team sponsored by the Newark Branch NAACP, is a six year old program which has become a premiere youth program in the city. There were 40 students and 15 mentors and parents who represented Newark. The team captured eight gold, ten silver and eight bronze for a total of 26 medals. Seven of the winners will enter the highly competitive national ACT-SO which attracts thousands of youths from across the

country.

Other gold medalists were Kern Bruce of Arts H.S.-Drawing; Rashia Thomas of Barringer H.S. for Original Essay; Maria Norales of Orange H.S. for Playwriting; Khalis Finney of Orange H.S. for Physics; Tamika Peters of University H.S. for Vocal Contemporary Music; Lamont Johnson of Orange H.S. for Dramatics.

Silver medalists included: Tamika Peters, Original Essay; Aquela Bell, University H.S. Playwriting; Khalis Finney, Chemistry; Terence Nelson, University H.S. Computer Science; Michael Hughes, Arts H.S. Drawing; Kern Bruce, Painting; Shakima Johnson, Central H.S. Sculpture; Maria Norales, Drama; Oguchukwu Nwachukwu, University H.S. and Lamont Johnson, Ontario.

Bronze medalists were: Oguchukwu Nwachukwu, Original Essay; Stephanie Bowles, University H.S. Playwriting; Michael Barker, Science H.S.; Danielle Scott, Drawing; Viji Wooten, Elizabeth H.S.; Danee Natusha Feliciano, University H.S. Music Vocal Contemporary; Monique Franklin, Arts H.S.; Drama;

and Subura McKoy of Arts H.S. for Music Vocal Classical.

The competition is conducted in 24 categories in the fields of science, humanities, performing and visual arts. Students will be competing for scholarship dollars at the national competition. The Newark Team has had numerous winners on the national level for five consecutive years. "Our mentoring component is very important to the success of our program," explained Deborah Smith, Newark ACT-SO Coordinator. "Every year, we at least 50 mentors who volunteer their time and expertise at Sunday afternoon sessions at UMD."

Danell Davis, Co-Coordinator of the ACT-SO Team. This volunteer program although sponsored by the Newark Branch NAACP, is funded through the fundraising efforts of the team and organizers are currently seeking additional sponsors of support. "We are very proud of these youngsters and are committed to their success but we are asking for help," said Sami McGhee, president of the Newark Branch NAACP.

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## Business Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

**NEWARK**—Free seminar for business leaders on Expedited Services in the Conference Room of the US Postal Service. For more information, call 201-468-7066.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**TRENTON**—"Community Assistance Seminar" sponsored by the US Small Business Association at the Trenton Business & Technology Center. For more information, call 609-595-7246.

### MONDAY, APRIL 14

**New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners** Chapter Dinner Meeting Theme: "Emotional State Management and Modeling" For more information, call 908-556-9607.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**SOMERSET**—Free Seminar, "How to Run a Small Business and Survive," at the Somerset Marriott Hotel. For more information, call 908-556-2400, ext. 105.

**NEWARK**—Open Mic/Success Seminar platform sponsored by the American Business Women's Association at the Priority Restaurant. For more information, call 201-421-8700.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

**PLAINFIELD**—A free SBA community assistance seminar will be held at the Plainfield Library. For more information, call 908-527-2946.

### FRIDAY, MAY 2

**WEST WINDSOR**—"Business Goes to College" conference at Mercer County Community College. For more information, call 609-586-4800, ext. 285.

**PICATINNY ARSENAL**—4th Government Procurement Exposition at US Army Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center. For more information, call 201-445-5550.

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

**READING, PA.**—General Meeting of the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council. Sponsored by GPU Energy. For more information, call 215-893-9977.

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

**NEW YORK**—Seminar, "Millennial Fever," sponsored by the Direct Marketing Association. For more information,

## EDC presents symbolic check for \$664,000 in business loans

**JERSEY CITY**—Owners of four city businesses today received a symbolic check for \$664,000. Plaques with individual checks were also presented by Mayor Bret Schundler and officials from the city and the Jersey City Economic Development Corp. (JCEDC). The checks represent the individual loan amounts the firms have received through the JCEDC loan program.

"This shows the tremendous investment that we're making in the business community," said JCEDC President Stuart Koperweis. "These four very different businesses are all succeeding here in Jersey City and they all have some improvement or expansion plans. Our loan programs help them realize their visions."

The Tenmarc Building received a \$194,000 loan from the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) revolving loan fund for a new roof. The building, which houses several small companies, has undergone major renovations. "The roof was the last piece of the puzzle," Koperweis said.

Bill's Tavern received a \$250,000 UEZ revolving fund loan for expansion into an adjacent storefront and for renovating a third store as rental space.

## Irvington General Hospital Names Executive Director



Thomas A. Biga

**IRVINGTON**—Irvington General Hospital, an affiliate of Saint Barnabas Health Care System, announced the appointment of Thomas A. Biga as its new Executive Director.

Steven A. Llorens & Jorge O. Meneses, Attorneys received a \$20,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) microloan, to purchase office equipment for their recently established law practice.

Callen Photo Mount Corp. received a \$200,000 UEZ revolving fund loan to purchase plastic injection molding equipment for manufacturing picture frames.

The ceremonies were held at the Callen site, where owners Martin and Bernard Callen proudly displayed the new machinery, based on their own design, that was made possible by the loans.

"These programs are a way to help businesses in Jersey City grow and succeed. They offer belowmarket rates on loans to businesses that may not be able to arrange traditional financing," said John Rogers, JCEDC financial services director.

Rogers noted that, in addition to offering several loan programs, the JCEDC also holds regular seminars on business development and, in conjunction with Kean College, makes a business counselor available. These programs are available to local business operators at no charge.

tions of the 157-bed hospital.

"With a focus on patient satisfaction, physician development, and community outreach, Irvington General Hospital will continue to meet the health care needs of the community," explained Mr. Biga. "Our affiliation with the Saint Barnabas Health Care System provides access to services, clinical expertise, education and training that will allow Irvington General Hospital to continue to deliver the highest quality of care to our patients."

According to Mr. Biga, Irvington General Hospital plans on expanding its role in the community. "Our involvement with the community is growing more each day," he said. "We are working with the Township of Irvington, the school system and a variety of other community agencies to offer health services and health

## Storefront help available in Paterson



Assemblymen Bill Pasquel and Mayor Marty Barneaspunta out the welcome mat

**PATERSON**—The first storefront Small Business Development Center (SBDC), designed to assist in the creation or growth of new and existing businesses with creation or growth, opened according to Mayor Marty Barneaspunta. The Center is at 133 Ellison Street.

"The Center, an initiative of the city's Urban Enterprise Zone Program, will offer a full range technical and financial assistance to business owners and entrepreneurs," said Mayor Barneaspunta. The SBDC is a partnership of the City of Paterson, The Rutgers Graduate School of Management, the US Small Business Administration, the New Jersey Department of Commerce & Economic Development and the private sector led by The Chase Manhattan Bank. The new SBDC, becomes the ninth fullservice regional center in the New Jersey Small Business Development Center Network.

Ruth Salzman, Executive Vice President, The Chase Community Development Corporation, said, "Small business development centers are a critical resource in guiding small businesses and helping them to access financing. 'We're delighted to play a part in bringing this valuable small business partner to the Paterson Community,'" Ms. Salzman said.

In addition to free, one-on-one counseling and affordable training services, the SBDC will offer access to Paterson Restoration Corporation Loans for

\$25,000. Similar assistance will be offered regarding Small Business Administration, Economic Development Authority and other loan programs.

Included will be a library for the creation and writing of business plans and other technical information as well as a quick and easy guide to permits and city code officials and access to cooperating organizations such as the NJ Department of Labor and the NJ Institute of Technology's Defense Procurement Program.

"We recognize the need to help our existing businesses grow and prosper," Mayor Barneaspunta said. "If we can help 1,000 small businesses create two jobs each we will enhance the eco-

nomie strength of this city greatly and we will not be dependent on one or two large companies. The increase in small business employment will add a great deal of stability to Paterson."

Brenda Hopper, statewide director of the New Jersey Small Business Development Centers said, "Big businesses can't offer job security or advancement opportunities like they did in the past," she said. "As a result, more and more New Jerseyans including many women and minorities are taking the risk of exploring business ownership as an alternative means of earning a living. Since it is a risk, we hope people will take advantage of the SBDC's experience and resources."

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Scheduling cleaning by the dental hygienist is another matter. Cleanings by the hygienist usually are scheduled for the same session as the examination by the dentist. The purpose is to remove plaque and calculus (tartar), which accumulate at rates that vary greatly from one person to another. So some people, for example, who get checkups every six months might need cleanings as often as three or four times a year.

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3. Provide general information and assistance on housing problems, and when necessary refer clients to other agencies that are funded and staffed to handle a specific housing problem, including referral to the New Jersey Department of Civil Rights.
4. Education, training and technical assistance to individuals, groups, agencies and/or organizations.
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| Gloucester | 41,040   | Passaic   | 52,240   |
| Hudson     | 35,760   | Somerset  | 56,000   |
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## Caribbean mass choir sings at Easter sunrise service



**ISLAND VISITORS**—Members of the Turks and Caicos Island Mass Choir pose outside of Second Baptist Church, Long Branch, after singing at the Community Easter Sunrise Service. They were on their first tour to the United States from the British West Indies.

The Turks and Caicos Islands form two groups in the British West Indies and are located southeast of the Bahamas. They consist of forty islands, seven of which are inhabited, and the population of 11,696 (1990 Census) consists almost entirely of persons of black African or mixed descent.

The church was packed, standing room only, for the combined services of the area churches.

**LONG BRANCH**—The Turks and Caicos Mass Choir sang at the Community Easter Sunrise Service at Second Baptist Church, Long Branch. The 54-member contingent from the Turks and Caicos Islands came to Long Branch at the request of Elder Steven Schwartz of Refreshing Springs Church of God In Christ, Long Branch. Elder Schwartz heard them when he was attending a youth conference in

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## Talk of counting mixed-race Americans in census stirs debate

By Paul Shepard  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Census Bureau is considering counting people of mixed racial heritage as a separate category for the first time, an idea that is stirring an emotional debate in America's melting pot.

Supporters say the move would help foster a sense of pride and self-affirmation among the swelling ranks of mixed-race Americans, many of whom feel ignored by society.

But some civil rights advocates worry that the new category would reduce the numbers of blacks and Hispanics recorded in the census, imperiling minority voting districts and financing for minority aid programs.

For Ramona E. Douglass, a California activist who is of mixed parentage, the issue is simple.

"I don't want to be invisible anymore," said Douglass, president of the Association of Multiethnic Americans, an advocacy group for multiracial and multiethnic people.

Debate over the new category underscores what some demographers have called a silent explosion in the number of mixed-race people in the United States.

Between 1970 and 1994, the number of interracial married couples bal-

looned from 150,000 to more than 1.1 million, according to census figures.

The number of children born from interracial couples leaped from 460,300 to 1.9 million during the same period.

"America is changing in ways previously unimagined," said Rep. Thomas Sawyer, who chaired a House subcommittee on census reform. "We could become... the first transethnic and transcultural society."

For example, Sawyer said, 60 percent of Japanese people who marry in America wed someone of another race. Such trends should compel the government to make sure the census accurately reflects "who we really are," he said.

The last census offered five options: black, white, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, and other. It asked a follow-up question to get a separate count of Hispanics, who can be of any race.

Adding a new mixed-race category for the census is just one aim of the burgeoning multiracial movement.

Other goals include an increase in transracial adoptions and more financing for medical research on how genetically related diseases such as sickle-cell anemia affect mixed-race people, according to Linda Mahdesian, founder of RIME, the Rhode Island Multiracial Exchange.

"Part of having a place on the

census is that we can be tracked," said Mahdesian, who has a black father and white mother. "Politicians will count us. And we know government funds flow from those numbers."

Fighting the multirace question are civil rights groups which worry that the new category could result in reduced government and private financing for minority programs affected by census figures. It also could affect the number and location of new minority voting districts, they say.

"We believe this could dilute the number of Latinos and African Americans counted," said Lisa Navarrete, a spokeswoman for the National Council of La Raza, a Latino advocacy group.

Harold McDougall, Washington legislative director for the NAACP, which also opposes the new category, said some people who choose the multiracial designation could inadvertently "disconnect" themselves from the larger and more powerful black coalition they now identify with.

Early results from sample census forms that included the multiracial category show some confusion among Americans.

For example, the child of Italian and Irish parents is not of mixed race. But a sizable portion of white people completing the sample forms mistook multiracial for multiethnic, said Ruth B. McKay, a behavioral scientist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## More indictments a 'Strong possibility'

By Jim Fitzgerald  
Associated Press Writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—The criminal case that grew out of a race-discrimination scandal at Texaco may entangle more defendants within a month, the federal prosecutor said Wednesday.

"There is a strong possibility that there will be an additional defendant or defendants charged by the grand jury," Assistant U.S. Attorney Stanley Okula told a judge.

"Misery loves company," joked Christopher Riley, lawyer for Richard Lundwall, the sole defendant so far.

It was Lundwall, a downsized Texaco executive, who turned a lagging civil lawsuit into a national sensation by giving the plaintiffs tape recordings of meetings at which he and other company officers allegedly made fun of black employees and plotted to destroy evidence. Texaco settled for a record \$176 million.

Riley has called it ironic that the only person charged is the one who came forward with the tapes. Lundwall, 55, of Danbury, Conn., was indicted last month on a charge of obstruction of justice for allegedly plotting to conceal documents that were sought by the plaintiffs in the civil race-discrimination case against Texaco.

The prosecutor would not say who the new targets might be, but he said the superseding indictment could come by the first week of May.

Jonathan Rosner, a lawyer who represents Robert Ulrich, a retired

Texaco treasurer who is heard on the tapes, said he was told in February that Ulrich was a subject of the investigation. If there are more indictments, "I assume that one will be against Mr. Ulrich," he said, "but it would be an outrage."

On the tapes, according to Texaco's transcript, Lundwall and Ulrich talked about throwing away or shredding documents the plaintiffs had requested.

Ulrich said, "We're going to purge the (expletive) out of these books" and Lundwall said, "Let me shred this thing."

Texaco punished four executives in all: Ulrich and Lundwall had some retirement benefits cut; David Keough, chief financial officer of a Texaco subsidiary, was fired; and Peter Meade, an assistant general manager, was suspended.

Stephen Kaufman, a lawyer for Keough, would not comment. Meade's lawyer, Stephen R. Lewis, said, "My client's done nothing wrong that would warrant any criminal action."

Texaco spokesman Chris Gidez said the company "has cooperated

fully with the U.S. attorney since the beginning and we have no indication of any action against Texaco."

Lundwall, who did not speak in court, said afterward, "I trust the jury system to realize that a terrible mistake has been made—and not on my part."

He would not comment on the possibility of gaining co-defendants. Riley said, "He's probably thinking, 'Misery loves company.'"

But the defense lawyer said that if others are indicted, he might ask that Lundwall be tried separately. "I don't think that the addition of anyone is going to help," he said.

U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker gave the lawyers until the end of the month to exchange information.

Riley said he had asked the prosecution for "anything relating to any possible co-conspirators," as well as copies of the documents Lundwall allegedly tried to hide.

Riley also requested the investigative report done for Texaco by an outside attorney, which he has called "the primary prosecutorial document" and which he said prosecutors refused to share before the indictment.

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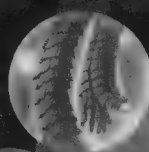


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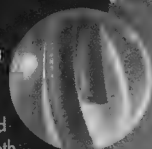
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# Spring Cleaning

by Vanessa Jordan



**A**h Spring! The season brings to mind words like rejuvenation, rebirth and cleaning! You clean your closets and your homes. Well, don't forget yourself. Remember those old castor oil and tea lax mixtures that Grandma use to make for Spring Cleaning? They're back ... Almost.

Our Spring Cleaning will only concentrate on your outer self. Spring is a good time to begin shedding those layers and accumulations of Winter. After a season of layering, your body wants and needs to breathe; and with Summer and all that it brings (Swimsuits, bare shoulders and legs) right around the corner, why not get an early start?

It's time to slough off those dead layers and emerge totally renewed from head to toe. Don't have the time you say? Well, why don't you take that weekend that you were going to use to clean those closets out.

You ready? Let's begin

## HAIR RENEWAL TREATMENT

Before shampooing, slightly moisten your hair with warm water. Next, massage a generous amount of refined oil into your hair and scalp. Cover your hair with a plastic shower cap (or plastic wrap) and a towel. Leave on for at least one hour.

Next, apply a mixture of Fuller's Earth to your hair and scalp. Fuller's Earth is a natural way to remove impurities without stripping the hair of its natural moisturizers. You can buy it

at many health food and cosmetics stores. Leave it on for thirty minutes. Using warm water, thoroughly rinse earth from your hair and scalp. Shampoo as usual. Skip your usual conditioner.

Apply a liberal amount of refined oil to damp, towel-dried hair and scalp. Comb through with a wide-tooth comb. Let your hair air dry. Finish with another light application of refined oil when hair is thoroughly dry. Style as usual.

## THE FULL BODY PURIFYING AND POLISHING REGIME

Using a loofah, body brush or mitt in circular motions, gently dry brush your body. Start at the feet, working in the direction of your heart. Next, rinse in the shower with warm water.

Follow your dry brush with a wet brushing, using a mild cleansing product. Start at your feet and do your entire body. Thoroughly rinse off with warm water. Soak in a warm to hot bath for approximately eight to ten minutes. Body brush again, then shower rinse with warm water. Follow with another bath soak, this time for five minutes.

Next, apply a natural body slougher to slightly damp, towel dried skin. A great slougher to try is the following one: Mix one cup of fine sea salt, a half cup of coarse sea salt and a quarter cup of refined oil together. Add enough water to make a thick, slushy paste. Using the same circular motions as when body brushing, gently massage the slougher into your skin. (Don't forget the backs of your arms, legs, ears and trouble spots like your elbows and knees. And, be gentle. You're not scrubbing pots or washing a car. Remember that your skin breathes too. It's one of the largest organs your body has. Treat it with care.) Leave slougher on for a minute or two, then thoroughly shower rinse using warm water. Follow with a shower using your regular body cleansing product. Rinse thoroughly with warm water. Finish with a cool rinse. Next, apply a light application of refined oil to slightly damp, towel-dried skin.

Finish by wrapping up in a comfortable bathrobe, sipping a large cup of hot herbal tea (peppermint, chamomile or ginger are good choices) and getting the rest you will now want....'cause this has been work. ■

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Are you fed up with spending 3 to 4 hours reading outdated magazines — waiting your turn in the stylists chair? Now there is a relaxer system tailored to fit your lifestyle! The new and improved Excelle Salon Performance No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer delivers that salon look without leaving the comfort and convenience of your home. Excelle Salon Performance contains everything you need for healthy hair. It's simple and easy to use, and makes you feel as pampered as if you just left the salon — in one third of the time. Excelle Salon Performance has Conditioning MoistureBEADS that bond to hair correcting dry, damaged areas.

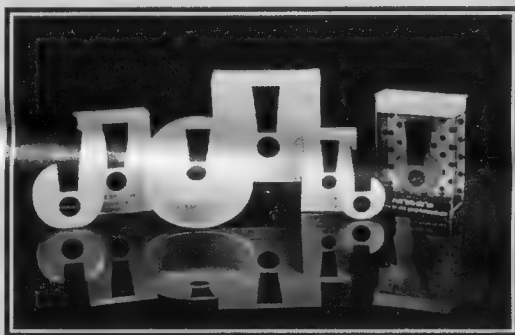
Before relaxing hair, it's important to choose the right strength based on your individual hair type to eliminate breakage and damage problems. Excelle Salon Performance comes in two different strengths: Super, for coarse to resistant hair and Regular, for fine to medium hair.

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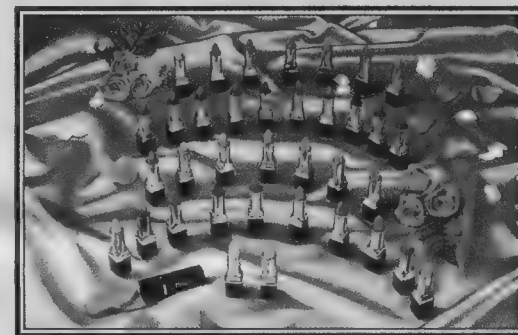
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The Botanical Oil is a multi-functional product lavishly designed for the body and scalp. This sensuous oil, made with six



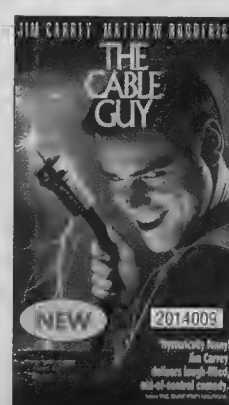
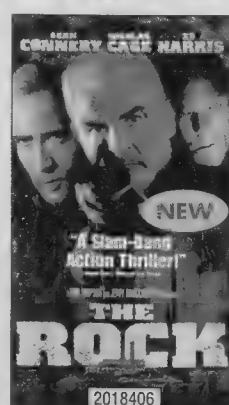
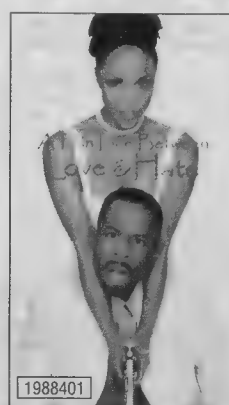
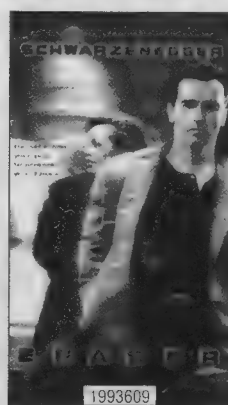
natural plant extracts, nourishes dry hair, skin, and the scalp. The aloe vera and men-

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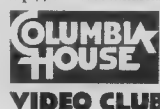
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# Stop Dreaming, Start Doing

by Sandy Tate

“...she transformed  
her vision  
into reality.”



Stephanie Farmer - Before



Stephanie Farmer - After

We are surrounded by success stories and role models that often go unnoticed. They're not necessarily the marvels of the media such as famous athletes, models, singers and actors, that we overdose on; they are ordinary people with extraordinary vision and the determination to take control of their lives. Stephanie Farmer is such a person - she transformed her vision into reality.

Five years ago, Stephanie, a mother of four, saw her weight escalate to 225 pounds. This prompted her to stop and reflect about where her life was heading. She immediately went into action by joining a health club and beginning her journey to fitness with aerobic exercises. When her weight-loss reached a plateau she began to gradually alter her eating habits. At first, eating smaller portions which was followed by the gradual elimination of pork and beef from her diet. As the weight faded, she realized that her body needed toning. With

even greater determination, she embarked on a strength-training regime that transformed her body into a lean, mean and well-defined machine.

Stephanie went from a size 18 to a size 5. She is an aerobic instructor at a well-known health club and the energy that she exudes spills over to her students. Like all role models, Stephanie has a project that is very dear to her heart. Although her schedule is busy, she makes time to teach fitness at the Countee Cullen Center at 242 West 144th St. in

Harlem. The program is free to the community and if you can't find a sitter - bring the kids along. (call 212 234-4500 for information). The same underlying theme permeates throughout all make-over success stories - there are no short cuts to fitness. It takes a combination of aerobics, strength training and a healthy diet to have the body that most of us fantasize about - the results are well worth the effort.

#### Stephanie's Advice on Staying Motivated

- Have a vision of what you want to look like.
- Stay focused on your goal.
- Take a picture of yourself in a bathing suit on a regular basis to monitor your progress
- Find a mentor. Stephanie says "I owe so much to my mentor Tawana Davis."
- Always stay positive. ■

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## HAIR

1) Do you maintain your hairstyle (relaxer, color, wash)

☐ At home    ☐ In a salon

2) If you do home maintenance as well as salon maintenance, please let us know for which services.

|                      | Home                     | Salon                    |
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| Braids               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Relaxer              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wash & Set/Wrap/Blow | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Color/Tint/Streak    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cut                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3) How often does hair maintenance occur

A. Every 2 Weeks    B. Once a Month

C. Every Six Weeks    D. When Needed

- ☐ Braids  
☐ Relaxer  
☐ Wash/Set/Wrap/Blow  
☐ Color/Tint/Streak  
☐ Cut  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4) What products do you use at home

- ☐ Isoplus Hair Care Products  
☐ Luster Products  
☐ Soft & Beautiful  
☐ Optimum  
☐ Sportin' Waves  
☐ Pre-Con  
☐ Bump Stopper Products

5) What products does your barber/beautician use

- ☐ Vitale/Elentee  
☐ Oh So Soft Products  
☐ Everlasting Relaxer System/  
The Wrap Styling System  
☐ Donnie's  
☐ American Pleasure Curl  
☐ African Royale  
☐ Dudley Products  
☐ Lady Velvet  
☐ Hawaiian Silky  
☐ Sheenique  
☐ Wave Nouveau

6) Do you make a request for certain products at the salon

7) Do you purchase products that feature the Proud Lady Symbol

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Do you use a moisturizer

☐ YES    ☐ NO

How often

☐ Daily    ☐ Nightly    ☐ Day & Night

Do you use a separate face wash

☐ YES    ☐ NO

If yes, what brand name

Check all the products that you use in your daily routine

- ☐ Bath/Shower Gel  
☐ Lotion  
☐ Face Moisturizer  
☐ Bath Sponge Netting  
☐ Powder  
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| Lip       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

List up to (5) colognes/perfumes that you own

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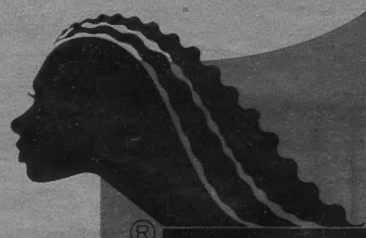
## COSMETICS

Check all the products that you use daily

- ☐ Lipstick    ☐ Lip Liner  
☐ Eyeshadow  
☐ Eyebrow Pencil  
☐ Foundation  
☐ Mascara  
☐ Press Powder

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# WHO'S THAT LADY



AHBAL  
THE PROUD LADY

Our symbol of economic strength, unity and pride.  
Purchase Black hair care and beauty products that  
feature the Proud Lady Symbol and recycle your  
Black dollars in the community!  
It's good for Black America!

## Did you know . . .

- All haircare and beauty products made for Black consumers *are not made by Black-owned companies.*
- However, all AHBAI member companies are BLACK-OWNED and operated and carry the Proud Lady symbol.
- AHBAI members reinvest their profits in the Black community in the form of jobs, scholarships and other special programs.
- The dollar only makes one trip through the Black community while it makes eight trips in other ethnic communities.

**Help Recycle Your Dollars In The Black Community!**  
**Always Look For The Proud Lady Symbol**  
**Support Black-owned Businesses.**



For a complete list of all majority white-owned and black-owned products, contact AHBAI headquarters  
401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611; phone 312/644-6610

# Exercise For a Stronger Heart and Body



Photos by: E. Lee White

Sheila Davis is an ACE certified instructor who teaches a wide range of classes including low impact, funk, body sculpting, step, abs, buns & thighs and her new favorite fat burner, the jump rope circuit. Ms. Davis is shown doing some pre-exercise warm-up stretching. It is important to warm up the body prior to any form of exercise to help prevent

injuries. She is also demonstrating power moves using weights. Strength training, along with aerobics and proper nutrition is an important part of any fitness program.

*Sheila Davis performs aerobic demonstrations and is available for masterclasses and special appearances. ■*

## Beauty Survey

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Check all the cosmetic lines that you have used and rate them.

|                  | Loved | Liked | Disliked |     |
|------------------|-------|-------|----------|-----|
| Flori Roberts    | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Fashion Fair     | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Mac              | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Cover Girl       | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Revlon           | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Lancome          | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Prescriptives    | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Dudley Cosmetics | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |
| Other_____       | 5     | 4     | 3        | 2 1 |

Where do you get your nails manicured

☐ At home ☐ Salon

How often

☐ Weekly ☐ Every two weeks ☐ Monthly

What is the biggest factor in choosing a nail polish

☐ Color ☐ Cost  
☐ Durability ☐ Other

What brand of nail polish do you use the most ■



# Make a statement

without  
saying

a word!

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Be nice to us before we  
go to the ladies room.  
You will be discussed.

VIRGINIA SLIMS  
It's a woman  
thing.



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